

**REMARKS**

Claims 12-22 are pending in this application.

By this Amendment, claims 13-16, 18, 19 and 21 are amended to obviate informalities, as the Examiner requested. The specification is amended to delete a pair of brackets, as the Examiner suggested.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Applicants thank Examiner Parker for the courtesy extended to Applicants' representative, Mr. Luo, during the May 23, 2006 telephone interview. The substance of the telephone interview is incorporated in the following remarks.

The Office Action objects to the specification. The specification is amended, as discussed above. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection to the specification is respectfully requested.

The Office Action objects to claims 18 and 21. Claims 18 and 21 are amended, as the Examiner requested. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection to claims 18 and 21 is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claims 13, 15 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Claim 15 is canceled, and claims 13 and 16 are amended to obviate informalities. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 13, 15 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claims 12, 13 and 16-21 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over JP 63-168517 to Kojima et al. ("Kojima"); rejects claim 22 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) or under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Kojima; and rejects claims 14 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Kojima in view of Hawley's Condensed Chemical Dictionary ("Hawley"). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

During the telephone interview, Examiner Parker indicated that there is a mismatch of references in the Office Action. In particular, we explained that JP63-168517 does not have paragraph numbers, while recited portions in the Office Action have paragraph numbers and belong to JP 2002-221032. Furthermore, JP 2002-221032 does not qualify as a prior art reference, because it is published on September 8, 2002, which is later than the March 20, 2002 priority date of the present application.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 12-22 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) and §103(a) is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 12-22 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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